



State Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center/ Headquarters Building

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Building

The Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, with support from the Legislature, was appropriated \$9 million to construct a new facility to replace the shared property and commercial buildings that were rented in the Olympia area. The ground breaking occurred in March 1997 on Camp Murray, headquarters of the Washington Military Department, located at Exit 122 from Interstate 5, near Tacoma. The building's dedication occurred in August 1998.

The two-story, 28,000 square foot building accommodates the 72 staff persons during day-to-day operations and 310 responders (staff and others) during a catastrophic emergency.

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Camp Murray, Washington 98430-5122.

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Design Features

Designed to survive and be operational during and following a major earthquake, the steel-braced and framed building has a base isolation foundation that acts as shock absorbers. With its own emergency power and auxiliary communications systems, the facility is a showcase for preparedness and hazard mitigation. During long-term emergencies, Camp Murray will provide support for lodging, feeding, emergency water supply, and sanitation services for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) responders.

EOC Purpose

The building serves as the Washington State Emergency Management Division headquarters and the State EOC during emergencies. The Division notifies and alerts state agencies and local governments of impending emergencies and disasters. In the EOC, staff coordinates with state, federal, and local government agencies, non-government organizations, private businesses and industry to effectively respond to a natural or technological emergency.

Contact

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